

LEWES BPW UPDATES – MARCH 2016

Holiday Closing

The Board of Public Works will be closed on Friday, March 25, 2016 for Good Friday. Please report Water and Electric emergencies to our On Call Service at 302-645-6228.

General Information

The next Board Meeting will be held on Wednesday, March 23, 2016 at 4:00 p.m. This is a change to allow more people to attend.

Please save all burned out bulbs to be dispersed at the next Household Hazardous Waste Day to be scheduled in April. The Business Office is no longer accepting them ... stay tuned for more information.

Electric Department

The Electric Department has been working on the Trail Project "Rails To Trails" from Lewes to Georgetown modifying the relocation of electric poles and anchors.

As a reminder ... while planting spring flowers, plants and trees ... please refrain from any plantings 6 feet in front of transformers. Also, please be sure to call Miss Utility before your dig.

Highland Acres

Work on Water and Sewer construction in Highland Acres has resumed and work on private property is commencing.

BPW's Water Department Update

Hydrant Flushing throughout the entire town is schedule for Tuesday, March 29, 2016 to Thursday, March 31, 2016.

During these three days, it is respectfully requested that the Citizens of Lewes take the necessary precautions due to the possibility that deposits of rust in the water mains may be disturbed:

Put aside an ample supply of water for cooking and drinking
Refrain from using automatic washing machines and dishwashers

Water pressure may be low during this period of time. If you should have discolored water, please let your water run for a few minutes.

We urge you to note these dates on your calendar.

Flushing of fire hydrants is one of the most important maintenance practices that can be performed on a water distribution system. Not only is this practice done for firefighting and public safety, this process helps to keep our drinking water at its highest quality.

In our service area there over 300 fire hydrants that are flushed semi-annually. This allows us to check the condition of the valves, view any signs of visible and audible leaks, and detect any type of corrosion or rust as well as possible discolored water which helps to keep the drinking water quality high.

It is important to note that hydrant flow testing is done in cooperation with the Lewes Fire Department. This enables the identification of the amount of water a certain fire hydrant can deliver during an emergency situation.

Still in progress ... the storm water at the intersection of Anglers Road and Market Street as well as water being worked on from Market Street down Bay View to Savannah Road and then on to Bay Breeze and Beach Plum.

As a reminder ... while planting spring flowers, plants and trees ... please refrain from any plantings 4 feet in front of hydrants. Also, please be sure to call Miss Utility before your dig.